

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for treating the effects of infection by enterotoxin-producing pathogens, the method comprising administering to a human or animal in need of same an oral composition comprising from about 0.3% to about 7% by volume of peptones ~~or~~ and about 0.3% to about 7% by volume of meat extract.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 1, wherein the effects include failure of gut epithelial integrity, diarrhoea and other COX-2 mediated effects.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 1, wherein the pathogen is *Clostridium difficile*, *Clostridium perfringens*, *E. coli*, *Leishmania donovani*, *Vibrio cholera*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Shingellae*, *Aeromonas hydrophila*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, and/or enterotoxigenic *Bacteroides fragilis*.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 1, wherein the peptones are hydrolysates of whey protein with an average peptide size of not greater than 5 amino acids.

Claims 6-7 (Cancelled).

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 1, wherein the oral composition further comprises yeast extract.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 8, wherein the oral composition comprises from 0.01 to 5% by volume of yeast extract.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 1, wherein the oral composition is an adjuvant to a medicinal treatment.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 1, wherein the oral composition is an infant formula or an enteral composition.